IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A data processing method performed by a server for providing data to a terminal via a network, the method comprising:

a reception step of receiving a request for data loading from the ~~a~~ terminal;

a completion ~~an end~~ discrimination step of discriminating whether a ~~the~~ generation of requested data has completed; ~~ended;~~

a first transmission step of transmitting to the terminal the requested data if the generation thereof has completed; ~~ended;~~

a prediction ~~an estimation~~ step of predicting ~~estimating~~ an end time of the generation of the requested data if the generation thereof ~~of the requested data~~ has not completed; ~~ended;~~ and

a second transmission step of transmitting to the terminal the predicted ~~estimated~~ end time together with display information indicating that the data generation is in progress.

2. (Currently Amended) A data processing method according to claim 1, wherein said prediction ~~estimation~~ step predicts ~~estimates~~ the end time based on the size of the ~~generated~~ data to be generated.

3. (Currently Amended) A data processing method according to claim 1, wherein said data are result of execution of a predetermined process, and said prediction

~~estimation~~ step predicts ~~estimates~~ the end time based on the time required for executing said predetermined process.

4. (Currently Amended) A data processing method performed by a terminal for receiving data from a server via a network, the method comprising:

an issuing step of issuing a request for data loading to the ~~a~~ server;

a display step of displaying display data received from the server in response to the ~~said~~ request;

data discriminating step of discriminating whether the received data is the requested data or a predicted end time for generation of the requested data together with the display data indicating that the data generation is in progress; and

a re-issuing step, in case the predicted ~~an estimated~~ end time for data generation is received ~~together with said display data~~, of re-issuing ~~again~~ the request for data loading to the server when the predicted ~~said~~ end time is reached.

5. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus for providing data to a terminal from a server via a network, the apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a request for data loading from the ~~a~~ terminal;

completion ~~end~~ discrimination means for discriminating whether a ~~the~~ generation of requested data has completed; ~~ended;~~

first transmission for transmitting to the terminal the requested data if the generation thereof has completed; ~~ended;~~

a prediction ~~estimation~~ means for predicting ~~estimating~~ an end time of the generation of the requested data if the generation thereof ~~of the requested data~~ has not completed; ~~ended;~~ and

second transmission means for transmitting to the terminal the predicted ~~estimated~~ end time together with display information indicating that the data generation is in progress.

6. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said prediction ~~estimation~~ means predicts ~~estimates~~ the end time based on the size of the ~~generated~~ data to be generated.

7. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said data are result of execution of a predetermined process, and said prediction ~~estimation~~ means predicts ~~estimates~~ the end time based on the time required for executing said predetermined process.

8. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus for receiving data at a terminal from a server via a network, the apparatus comprising:

issuing means for issuing a request for data loading to the ~~a~~ server;

display means for displaying display data received from the server in response to the ~~said~~ request;

data discriminating means for discriminating whether the received data is the requested data or a predicted end time for generation of the requested data together with the display data indicating that the data generation is in progress; and

control means adapted, in case the predicted ~~an estimated~~ end time for data generation is received ~~together with said display data~~, to so control said issuing means as to re-issue ~~again~~ the request for data loading to the server when the predicted ~~said~~ end time is reached.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing a data processing program for controlling a server computer to perform data processing for providing data from the server to a terminal via a network, said program comprising codes for causing the computer to perform:

a reception step of receiving a request for data loading from a terminal;

a completion ~~an end~~ discrimination step of discriminating whether a ~~the~~ generation of requested data has completed; ~~ended;~~

a first transmission step of transmitting to the terminal step the requested data if the generation thereof has completed; ended;

a prediction ~~an estimation~~ step of predicting ~~estimating~~ an end time of the generation of the requested data if the generation thereof ~~of the requested data~~ has not completed; ~~ended;~~ and

a second transmission step of transmitting to the terminal the predicted ~~estimated~~ end time together with display information indicating that the data generation is in progress.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing a data processing program for controlling a terminal computer to perform data processing for receiving data from a server via a network, said program comprising codes for causing the computer to perform:

an issuing step of issuing a request for data loading to the ~~a~~ server;

a display step of displaying display data received from the server in response to the ~~said~~ request;

data discriminating step of discriminating whether the received data is the requested data or a predicted end time for generation of the requested data together with the display data indicating that the data generation is in progress; and

a re-issuing step, in case the predicted ~~an estimated~~ end time for data generation is received ~~together with said display data~~, of re-issuing ~~again~~ the request the data loading to the server when the predicted ~~said~~ end time is reached.